

CLAIMS

1. A carrier for an article, comprising:

5 (a) a body having a back member;

(b) an arm having an upper end and a lower end, including a hook facing toward said back member, said upper end being attached to said body;

10 (c) an upwardly directed catch carried on said hook; and

(d) a receptacle included in said back member and located opposite said hook, and wherein said hook is latchingly engageable in said receptacle, and said arm is elastically biased to keep said catch engaged in said receptacle.

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20 2. The carrier of claim 1, including a fulcrum located between said body and said arm and located, with respect to said arm, between said hook and said upper end in a location in which pressure on said arm toward said body between said fulcrum and said upper end disengages said hook from said receptacle.

25 3. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said pressure on said arm causes said hook to move through a small angle about said fulcrum as a part of disengaging said hook from said receptacle.

30 4. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said pressure on said arm causes a portion of said arm between said fulcrum and said upper end of said arm to flex toward said body and thereby disengages said catch from said receptacle.

5. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said arm is resiliently flexible between said fulcrum and said upper end.

5 6. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said arm has a resiliently flexible portion located between said fulcrum and said upper end.

10 7. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said fulcrum is located on said back member a small distance away from said receptacle and faces toward said arm.

15 8. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said fulcrum prevents said arm from moving toward said back member closer than a predetermined position.

20 9. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said fulcrum is mounted on said back member and projects toward said arm.

10. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said fulcrum is mounted on said arm and projects toward said back member.

25 11. The carrier of claim 1 wherein said receptacle includes an opening extending through said back member.

30 12. The carrier of claim 1 wherein said receptacle includes a cam surface followed by said hook as said hook is urged into engagement in said receptacle by pressure on said arm directed toward said back member.

35 13. The carrier of claim 2 wherein said hook includes a catch portion having a first engagement face and wherein said receptacle includes a latch shoulder having a second engagement face, said first and second

engagement faces being in mutual contact with each other when said hook is engaged in said receptacle.

14. The carrier of claim 13 wherein said arm
5 moves said hook, thereby moving said first engagement face out of engagement with said second engagement face and said catch portion of said hook clear of said shoulder, when said arm is flexed by being pressed toward said back member between said fulcrum and said upper end of said
10 arm.

15. A carrier for an article, comprising:
(a) a back member;
(b) a pair of side members constructed of a
15 stiff but resiliently flexible material;
(c) a lower end wall, said back, said side members, and said lower end wall cooperatively defining a tool-receiving space;
(d) an inwardly-projecting grip member carried on one of said side members; and
20 (e) a mounting device attached to a rear side of said back member to mount the carrier on a person's clothing.
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16. The carrier of claim 15, including a respective inwardly-projecting grip member carried on each of said side members.

30 17. The carrier of claim 16 wherein said grip members are aligned opposite each other and facing toward each other.

35 18. The carrier of claim 16 wherein said grip members are spaced outwardly apart from said back member.

19. The carrier of claim 16 wherein said grip members are located upwardly apart from said lower end wall.

5 20. The carrier of claim 16 wherein said side members have respective upper ends and said grip members are located adjacent said upper ends.

10 21. The carrier of claim 15, including an ear extending laterally outward from one of said side members in position to be engaged by one's hand in connection with removing an article from said carrier.

15 22. The carrier of claim 15 wherein said lower end wall defines a tool access opening and said carrier includes an ear extending laterally outward from said grip member.

20 23. The carrier of claim 15 wherein said mounting device includes an arm having an upper end and a lower end, including a hook facing toward said back member, said upper end being attached to said body; an upwardly directed catch carried on said hook; and a receptacle included in said back member and located opposite said hook, and wherein said hook is latchingly engageable in said receptacle, and said arm is elastically biased to keep said catch engaged in said receptacle.

25 24. The carrier of claim 15 in combination with a tool having a pair of outwardly-facing relatively depressed surfaces.

30 25. A carrier for an article, comprising:
(a) a back member;
(b) a pair of side members;
(c) a lower end wall, said back member, said side members, and said lower end wall

cooperatively defining an upwardly open
tool-receiving space; and

(d) a mounting device attached to a rear side
of said back member wherein said lower end
wall defines a tool access opening and each
of said side members includes an outwardly
projecting ear.